



WIS 153

Marathon County J – Bear Lake Road

Project ID 6600-03-05

Public information meeting

Wednesday, December 14 2005

Bevent Town Hall

1096 South County Road Y

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Welcome to the public information meeting for the WIS 153 project in Marathon County. The exhibits on display and this handout were prepared to help familiarize you with the project details. A brief, formal presentation will be given at 5:45 p.m. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) representatives will be available to explain the exhibits and to answer questions on an individual basis.

We appreciate any verbal or written comments you have regarding this project.

Thank you for attending.

Project summary

WisDOT is conducting a public information meeting to discuss proposed right of way acquisition along WIS 153 from County Road J to Bear Lake Road in the towns of Reid and Bevent. WisDOT plans to purchase right of way along a 13-mile stretch of WIS 153 beginning at County Road J and ending at the Shawano County line, east of the Village of Elderon.

The preliminary road plans and right of way plat for the first three miles of the highway are complete and will be presented at this meeting. The reconstruction of WIS 153 is a future project. Right of way will be purchased to preserve the corridor for the future project and to clean up existing highway right of way that was staked previously. Resurfacing of County J to Bear Lake Road on WIS 153 is currently planned to take place in 2011.

Project history

Preliminary design was completed for this stretch of highway in the 1980s. New right of way irons were placed in anticipation of purchasing right of way and reconstructing the highway. The project was put on hold due to funding shortfalls. Since then, many questions have been asked regarding the location of the existing highway right of way. Recent property surveys have referenced the irons placed in the 1980s as the actual highway right of way, despite the fact that the property was never purchased.

Current project plans

In order to clear up the questions regarding the location of the highway right of way, WisDOT secured funding to purchase right of way along WIS 153 from County Road J to the Shawano County line. Preliminary roadway reconstruction plans have been completed for the first three miles, and right of way needs have been determined. After receiving comments from property owners on the proposed right of way acquisition plans, WisDOT intends to purchase property. The right of way acquisition will both preserve the corridor for the future reconstruction of the highway and clear up the questions regarding the actual location of the highway right of way.

Future project plans

Due to the existing pavement deterioration, resurfacing of WIS 153 from County Road J to Bear Lake Road is currently scheduled for 2011.

Other projects currently scheduled include: the reconstruction of WIS 153 in the village of Elderon from Maple Street to Park Street in 2010; the resurfacing of WIS 153 from Bear Lake Road to Crooked Lake Road in 2012; and the resurfacing of WIS 153 from Crooked Lake Road to Mission Lake Road in 2013.

Project contacts

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this handout or presented here today or if questions come up at a later time, please contact one of the individuals listed below.

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Public information meeting comment form

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